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Problem: An attack by a strengthened motorized battalion against an enemy who has switched over to defense.

1. General Situation

Our units which broke through the enemy's main line of resistance in the vicinity of Kladno [5009N-1406E], generally on the Slany/[5014N-1406E], Kladno, Rakovnik [5006N-1345E], line by D-15, continued to advance against the enemy in a westerly direction approximately 50 km. from Kladno in the vicinity of X. They were then stopped by the enemy who switched over to defense.

2. Code for Terrain Names and Call Signs

(a) Terrain Code Names

Village A- BOX	Benchmark 565 - KNOLL
Village B- CHESSBOARD	Triangulation point 555 - TRIANGLE
Village C- CAP	Green forest - GARDEN
Road from village A to	Unlirsky forest - BLUE
village C- ROPE	Myjavka brook - THREAD
Benchmark 526 -HAT	
Benchmark 550 and Kulovaty	
forest - BARREL	

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(b) Call Signs of Units in the Radio Net

38th Mecz Regt - Bomb
 1st Mecz Bn - Arrow
 2d Mtz Bn - Fire
 3d Mecz Bn - Shell
 Medical Station - Cross

(c) Call Signs of Unit Commanders

CO of the 38th Mecz Regt - Falcon
 CO of the 1st Mecz Bn - Beast of Prey
 CO of the 2d Mtz Bn - Hawk
 CO of the 3d Mecz Bn - Eagle
 CO of the 76-mm Arty Unit - Fist

3. Our Situation

We assemble approximately 100 m in a southerly direction from BARREL (Benchmark 550) *(See Enclosure A)*. Before us, extending beyond KNOLL (Benchmark 565) and HAT (Benchmark 526) is west. To our right is north, to our left is south and behind us in the direction of BARREL (Kulovaty forest) is east. To our right, approximately seven km away is BOX (Village A). To the right is GARDEN (Green forest). Before us lies KNOLL (Benchmark 565). Behind KNOLL (Benchmark 565) and to the left is HAT (Benchmark 526) which is in a dense pine forest. Five km from HAT (Benchmark 526) is CHESSBOARD (Village B). Approximately 100 m beyond HAT (Benchmark 526) is ROPE (Main road from village B to village C). Further to the left is TRIANGLE (Trigonometer 555) and a little to the left from TRIANGLE (Trigonometer 555) is BLUE (Uhlirsky forest). To the left of us and approximately 300 m in a southerly direction is RIBBON (Road from village A to village C). Further behind us is BARREL (Kulovaty forest).

4. The Enemy Situation

Our Air Force and ground reconnaissance confirmed the following:

The enemy, who has stopped after retreating, is protecting himself by building a defense line in the vicinity of X, generally along line XY. He has been building his defense line for the past 10 days. Before us, in the vicinity of KNOLL (Benchmark 565), the 3d Bn of the 2d Regt of the 28th Div is opposing our units. The enemy's tactics are known to us. He has built three defense lines. Before the enemy, in the second defense line, are anti-personnel and anti-tank mines, which have been laid in staggered rows in an area about 15 m in width and seven m in depth. The first defense line is composed of emplacements with light and heavy machine-guns. Most of the terrain between the enemy and us is adequate for tank movements. According to reports received, the morale of this division is poor; the civilian inhabitants sympathise with us more than with the enemy. However, the enemy has sufficient arms, ammunition, fuel and food supplies and there is sufficient drinkable water in the area he occupies. There has as yet been no outbreak of disease among either the enemy troops or the civilian population. Date of report D-2.

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5. Mission of the Regiment

The strengthened 38th Mecz Regt is attacking in a westerly direction. Its mission is to destroy the enemy and its supporting elements in the vicinity of KNOLL (Benchmark 565) and TRIANGLE (Trigonometer 555). Its immediate mission is to reach BLUE (Uhlirsky forest) and its further mission is to reach the outskirts of CHESSBOARD (Village B), which it is to destroy and proceed in a westerly direction until given further orders.

(a) Combat Disposition

The regiment attacks with two battalions in the first line and one in the second. The remainder of the regiment, such as the Regt Hq reserve, will support the Arty Unit, the 120-mm Mort Unit and the DDS (divisional artillery group) until they reach CHESSBOARD (Village B).

(b) Reserves

Reserves are utilized in accordance with the decisions of the commander of the regiment.

(c) Rear Units

The regimental ammunition point, medical station and kitchen are on the western outskirts of BARREL (Kulovaty forest).

(d) Mission of the 2d Mtz Bn

The 2d Mtz Bn, with a battery of 120-mm mortars and a platoon of tanks, proceeds in the direction of the main strike, attacking in a westerly direction toward KNOLL (Benchmark 565) and HAT (Benchmark 526). Its immediate mission is to reach KNOLL (Benchmark 565) and its further mission is to reach HAT (Benchmark 526). It further advances in a westerly direction to the southern outskirts of CHESSBOARD (Village B). It is to reach the high ground, destroying anything that stands in its way, and to proceed in a westerly direction until given further orders. During the advance it is supposed to destroy the enemy's supporting elements. In the third defense line it destroys No 3 (LMG emplacement), No 4 (LMG emplacement), No 5 (HMG emplacement), No 6 (LMG emplacement), No 15 (HMG emplacement) and No 16 (45-mm AT gun). After it accomplishes this mission it is to continue further and destroy No 17 (82-mm mortar position).

(e) Mission of the 1st Mecz Bn

The 1st Mecz Bn is given a similar mission and the same amount of support as the 2d Mtz Bn.

(f) Mission of the 3d Mecz Bn

The 3d Mecz Bn is to advance in the direction of the third defense line, approximately 400 m behind the 1st and the 2d Bns, and is to destroy all enemy forces with the aid of a platoon of tanks. Should the enemy counter-attack, the 3d Mecz Bn is to neutralize such a move. In the event of a strafing by enemy planes it is to utilize all of its weapons in firing at the planes. During the course of the attack it will receive further orders from the regimental commander, for the accomplishment of its mission.

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(g) Mission of the Tanks

During the course of the attack the tanks are to support the infantry and to destroy the anti-tank guns of the enemy. They are also to ward off any counter-attack by the enemy tanks and will be at the disposal of the commander of the unit to which they are assigned until they reach CHESSBOARD (Village B). At CHESSBOARD (Village B) they will come into a hull down position in their assigned units, get into formation and will await further orders from the regimental commander.

(h) Mission of the Artillery

After a 20 minute concentration of artillery fire by the 76-mm Arty Unit, the infantry destroys the enemy units in trench lines #1, #2 and #3 with its own weapons. Artillery fire concentrations are fired into the vicinity of GARDEN (Green forest), BLUE (Uhlirsky forest), ROPE (Main road from village B to village C) and HAT (Benchmark 526). Should there be an enemy counter-attack the artillery is to fire at GARDEN (Green forest) and CHESSBOARD (Village B) and will intermittently fire into the northern outskirts of BLUE (Uhlirsky forest). It is to be prepared to fire in any direction from which a counter-attack could be launched at any time.

(i) Mission of the Mortars

During the course of the attack the 82-mm mortars destroy the enemy's resistance in accordance with instructions from the regimental commander and, in the event of a counter-attack, they are to disperse and destroy the enemy with a concentration of fire.

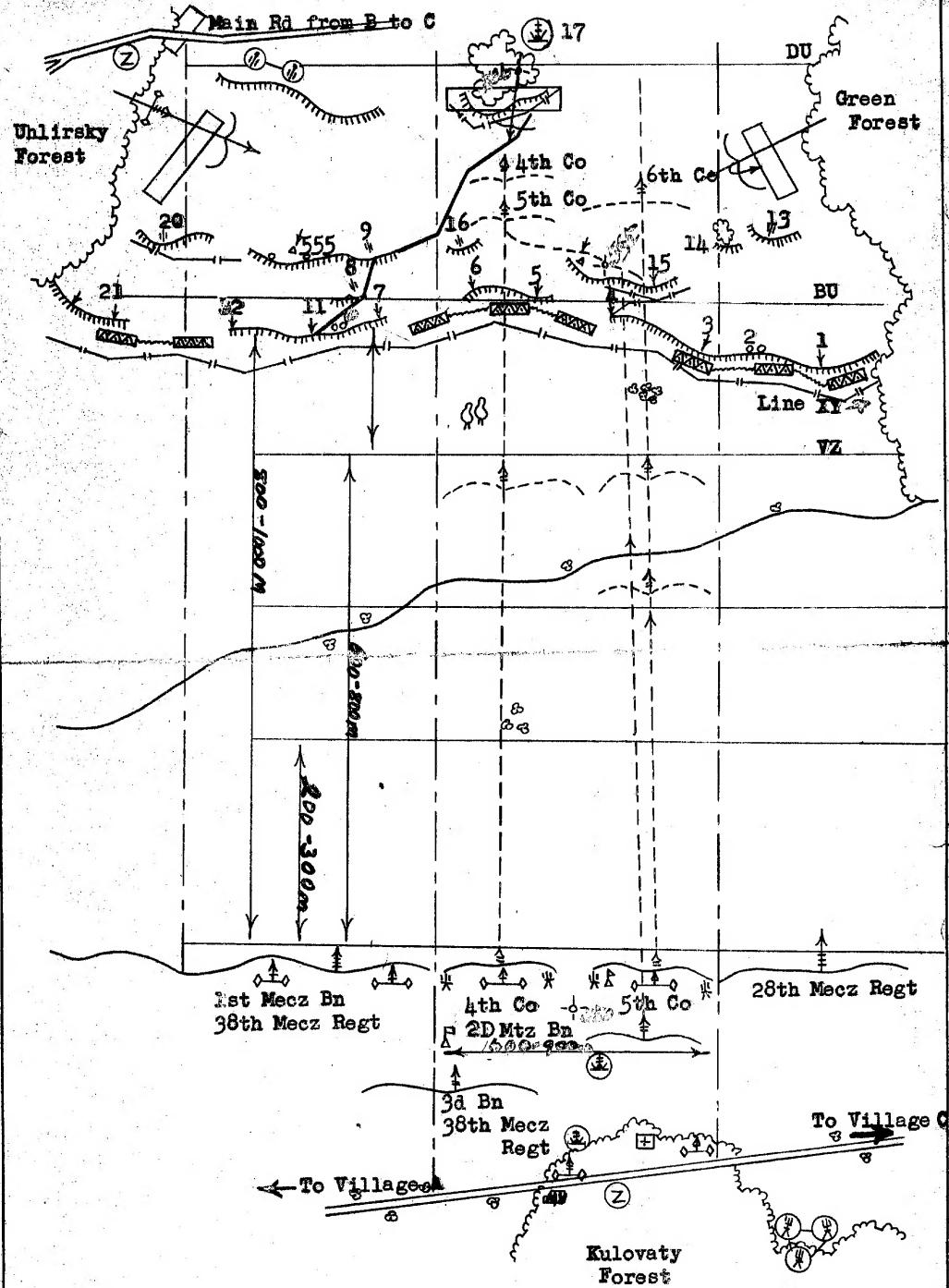
(j) Prearranged Signals Utilized in the Attack

When the artillery is prepared to deliver its concentration fire the regimental commander will call the artillery commanders and will say "fire" three times. Three white flares will then be fired. When the infantry is prepared to attack the regimental commander will instruct it to advance by saying "forward" three times over the radio. Three red flares will then be fired. Should the regimental commander want his tanks to advance he will call the tank commanders and say "iron" three times. Three blue smoke flares will then be fired. In order to terminate firing by the artillery the regimental commander will say "enough" three times over the radio. A yellow smoke shell will then be fired.

Enclosure A: Situation Map

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Enclosure ALegend to Situation Map

	Medium Tank Plat.		Direction of Attack
	120mm Mort Co		Observation Point
	82mm Mort Co		Dispensary
	45mm AT Cannon		Regt Ammo Point
	HMG		Bn Hq
	LMG		Regt Hq
	105mm Arty Unit		Base Point for Arty Fire
	DDS - Divisional Arty Group		Take-Off Point
	76mm Arty Gun		Storming Point
	Benchmark		Immediate Goal
	Co		Further Goal
	Bn	○ ○	Enemy Soldiers
	Regt		Barbed Wire Entanglements
	Reserves		Tank & Anti-personnel Mines
	Infantry		

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